



2019

Four Centuries *in a Weekend*



Tour the Historic Sites of Union County

OCTOBER 19–20

Saturday & Sunday
12 noon–5 pm

FREE ADMISSION

For a free booklet & map, contact the
Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs

908-558-2550 | NJ Relay 711
email culturalinfo@ucnj.org • www.ucnj.org/4c



 Shuttlebus service will depart from the Westfield train station, making stops at: Reeve History & Cultural Center (Westfield), Miller-Cory House (Westfield), Deacon Andrew Hetfield House (Mountainside), and the Deserted Village of Feltville (Berkeley Heights).

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Union County
We're Connected to You!

Tours, Exhibits & Special Events

CRANFORD

Crane-Phillips House Museum

124 North Union Ave.
908-276-0082
cranfordhistoricalsociety.com



- Guided tours of each room of this modest 1870s home, showing what life was like without plumbing and electricity
- Grounds include a Victorian flower garden, outhouse and barn displaying antique tools
- See how implements for the kitchen and home evolved – try some and experience doing household chores in the 1870s

☑ This symbol denotes Revolutionary War era sites that are part of the National Park Service Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area. These sites participate in the Passport to Your National Parks program and have individual stamps, among the newest in the country, often sought by collectors.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS

Deserted Village of Feltville / Glenside Park ☑

Cataract Hollow Rd.
908-527-4900
ucnj.org/dv



 shuttle stop

- Children's games
- Freshly pressed apple cider
- Interpretive signage and opportunities to "meet" key people from Feltville/Glenside history: John Willcocks, a member of the colonial New Jersey militia; David Felt, who built the mill town of Feltville; Sarah Felt Toby, who taught in Feltville's one-room schoolhouse; Warren Ackerman, who converted Feltville to a summer resort in 1882; and Frank Malloy, who managed Glenside Park resort



Littell-Lord Farmstead

Closed for renovations.

CLARK

Dr. William Robinson Plantation-Museum ☑

593 Madison Hill Rd.
732-340-1571
DrRobinsonMuseum.org



- 2nd Annual World War II History Weekend explores the role of the U.S. servicemen and women, and the civilians who supported them, including: living history displays; a fully functioning 1919 Model T; Army Signal Corps tent with equipment, uniforms and weapons on display; and live USO shows throughout the weekend
- Demonstrations of open-hearth cooking, butter churning and quilting

William Miller Sperry Observatory

Union County College
1033 Springfield Ave.
908-709-7000

*Open Saturday 12 to 5,
Sunday 12 to 4*

- Tour this observatory, which houses two of the largest telescopes on the east coast
- Presentation about this observatory and the history of astronomy in New Jersey
- Solar observing
- Children's activities



ELIZABETH

Boxwood Hall State Historic Site ☑

1073 East Jersey St.
908-282-7617

- Tour this historic home, where George Washington dined en route to his inauguration
- Exhibit: Boxwood Celebrates: A Look at Celebrations and Commemorations in Elizabeth over the Years
- **Sunday, 1 pm:** Guided walk: "Look Up & See Elizabeth" – Explore four centuries of architecture in just two city blocks. Limit 15 people. To register in advance, call 908-282-7617 or email boxwood73@aol.com.



Elizabeth Public Library

11 South Broad St.
908-354-6060
www.elizpl.org

Open Saturday 9 am–5 pm
Closed Sunday

- Take an on-demand guided tour (12 to 5 pm) of this historic gem—the sole remaining active Carnegie Library in our county. Learn about the architects who designed this building, one of whom designed the first phase of Ellis Island. See behind-the-scenes operations spaces. Last tour starts at 4 pm. Free and secure parking in the library lot.
- Exhibit: Historic Churches of Elizabeth



ELIZABETH

First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth & Snyder Academy

42 Broad St.
908-353-2131
snyderacademyj.org

- Tour this historic campus: the church, the cemetery with gravesites spanning four centuries, and Snyder Academy – a site where Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton once attended school



Nathaniel Bonnell Homestead & Belcher-Ogden Mansion

1045 & 1046 East Jersey St.
Daytime: 908-581-7555
Evening: 908-591-1893

- Tours in English and Spanish of Belcher-Ogden Mansion and the Colonial and Memory Gardens of Nathaniel Bonnell Homestead
- Visitors are invited to bring and eat lunch at picnic tables in the Belcher-Ogden backyard



FANWOOD

Historic Fanwood Train Station Museum

230 North Ave.
908-322-8236
fanwoodnj.org

- Learn about the Central Railroad of NJ and the stations and towns that developed along this rail line – including Fanwood
- Exhibit of antique postcards of stations along the CCRNJ line



HILLSIDE

Evergreen Cemetery

1137 North Broad St.
908-352-7940

- Pick up a tour booklet at Woodruff House to take a self-guided tour of this historic cemetery, replete with impressive funerary monuments



HILLSIDE

Woodruff House / Eaton Store Museum

111 Conant St.
908-353-8828
woodruffhouse.org

- Tour the house (dates to 1735) and store (dates to 1900)
- Mini Apple festival: sale of fresh apples, baked goods including apple cider donuts and apple turnovers – inspired by the Woodruffs' apple orchards and apple cider products
- Hot dogs and apple cider on sale for lunch
- Antique cars on exhibit
- Books for sale that feature Woodruff House



KENILWORTH

Oswald J. Nitschke House

49 South 21st St.
908-276-9090
kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org

- Guided tour of this house (wheelchair accessible with elevator), restored to late 19th-/early 20th-century style, and teaching gardens of heirloom flowers, vegetables and herbs – now featuring a Prohibition-era Tea Garden and 19th-century farm equipment
- Garden-to-table “make your own teabag” and culinary demonstration
- Living history program: Meet characters from the past, circa 1919
- Exhibit: Teetotalers & Bootleggers – Prohibition in America
- Light refreshments



MOUNTAINSIDE

Deacon Andrew Hetfield House

Constitution Plaza
908-789-9420
mountainsidehistorical.org

 shuttle stop

- Guided tours of this house (circa 1760)
- Miniature diorama of the local 1780 Revolutionary War Battle of Springfield will be set up and demonstrated.
- Special exhibits throughout the house



NEW PROVIDENCE

Salt Box Museum

1350 Springfield Ave.
908-665-6465
newprovidencehistorical.com



- Guided tours
- Highlights include an 1912 telephone, a Liberty Pole (one of the last in New Jersey), and newly restored 1800s Studebaker Farm Wagon

PLAINFIELD

Drake House Museum

602 West Front St.
908-755-5831
drakehouseplainfieldnj.org



- Tour this historic site
- **Both days, 1 pm–3:30 pm:** Ensembles from the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra will play musical selections in the second-floor ballroom. Under the direction of Charles Prince, the PSO, New Jersey's oldest community orchestra, is celebrating its 100th season.



The duCret School of Art

1030 Central Ave.
908-757-7171
www.ducret.edu

- Tour this historic building, originally a private home
- View artwork from the collection

Sat. only, Oct. 19 | 4–8 pm

Blues & BBQ • \$35

End your day of touring at duCret.

- Live music – New Orleans & Memphis-style blues
- Smoked BBQ & craft beers

\$35 donation supports duCret School of Art.

Plainfield Meetinghouse

225 Watchung Ave.
908-757-5736
fgcquaker.org/cloud/rahway-and-plainfield-friends-meeting



- Tour this historic Meetinghouse

RAHWAY

Merchants and Drovers Tavern

1632 St. George Ave.
732-381-0441
merchantsanddrovers.org



- Open house at this historic Tavern Museum, with comprehensive exhibits on the 2nd floor
- Gravesite of Abraham Clark

RAHWAY

Rahway School for Colored Children/African-American History Center

253 Central Ave.
732-382-0541
ebenezeramechurch.com/aahhc.html



- Tour this site and learn about the restoration underway

Union County Performing Arts Center

1601 Irving St.
Administration: 732-499-0441
Box Office: 732-499-8226
ucpac.org



- See this beautifully restored classic Vaudeville theatre
- **Both days, 10 am–2 pm:** Take an up-close guided tour of the 1928 historic Main Stage facility. Learn of this theatre's rich history and gain special access to experience the powerhouse Wurlitzer Organ, original 35mm projection area, and backstage access.

ROSELLE

Abraham Clark Memorial House

101 West Ninth Ave.
732-221-7211

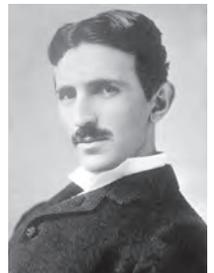


- Learn about Early American life and Roselle history at this replica of the home of Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence

ROSELLE PARK

Roselle Park Museum

9 West Grant Ave.
908-245-1776



- Exhibit: From Science to Technology and Invention: Edison, Keurig, Marconi and new information on Nikola Tesla in Roselle Park; plus Inventors and Invention in Roselle Park
- Lifetime member and iron worker Martin Kiernan will demonstrate his model of Tesla Coil, and provide information about how to make one
- Lifetime Member and medical specialist Joseph Laccitelli will answer questions about his exhibit of medical inventions of the past

SCOTCH PLAINS

Battle of the Short Hills

1776 Raritan Rd.
ucnj.org/trails



- Site presenter demonstrates that “History Happened Here!” – visit the tent (front of the UCVTS campus) and learn about the Revolutionary War battle fought nearby and more
- Recently discovered documents from 1777 on display
- **Sunday only:** Guided nature tours of the swamp (depart from trailhead at the rear of UCVTS, near police academy)

Fraze House

1451 Raritan Rd.
frazeehouse.org



- Tour this site and learn about the restoration. Phase 1 should be complete, allowing partial visitor access to the interior.
- **Saturday only:** Harvest Festival featuring sale of pumpkins and gourds; pumpkin decorating at the Community Garden; and Selfies with “Aunt Betty” Frazee

Osborn Cannonball House

1840 Front St.
Weekends: 908-757-1885
historicalsocietyspfnj.org



- Tour this 18th-century home, and hear the story of how it was hit by Revolutionary War cannonball fire
- “Fashionistas of the 18th & 19th Centuries” displays authentic clothing styles worn by trendsetters of the 1700s & 1800s
- Color your own fashion plate of Colonial or Victorian gowns
- Make your own Colonial whirligig
- Period music played by Dave Bierman on the Victorian organ

The Shady Rest & Country Club

820 Jerusalem Rd.
908-490-1577
preserveshadyrest.org



- Visit this historic site

SPRINGFIELD

Cannon Ball House

126 Morris Ave.
973-912-4464
springfieldhistorical.society.webs.com



- Tour this historic house
- **Saturday:** Members of the Brigade of the American Revolution reenact the life and times of a Revolutionary soldier during the Battle of Springfield – and more

SUMMIT

Carter House

90 Butler Parkway
908-277-1747
summitnjhistory.org



- Tour this 1741 cottage home, which features a colonial kitchen, 1800s dining room and late Victorian library
- Painting by Hudson River School artist Worthington Whittredge, a longtime Summit resident
- Collections include period clothing and accessories; hundreds of biographies of local families; and more than 500 Summit souvenir postcards
- Retail shop offers handmade items and gifts with local and New Jersey themes
- Garage houses a 1920s fire engine and serves as a mini history museum for the Summit Fire Department

Reeves-Reed Arboretum

165 Hobart Ave.
908-273-8787
reeves-reedarboretum.org



Open Saturday 10 am–4 pm
Closed Sunday, Oct. 20

- Visitors Center offers interactive touch screens for information about the property, history, maps and what’s in bloom
- Wisner House Library on lower patio-level features historic photos, maps, drawings, letters and original materials from architects Calvert Vaux, Ellen Biddle Shipman, and Carl Pilat
- Art exhibition in Wisner House: Karen Fitzgerald 360° Cosmic Landscape Revelations
- Enjoy 13.5 acres of grounds with lawns, woodland trails, a glacial bowl and historic gardens. The Wildflower Trail is slated to be designated the History Trail. A memorial rock signifies the Beacon Hill Signal from the Revolutionary War.
- Each visitor will receive a copy of “The Clearing,” a book detailing the arboretum’s history

Summit Playhouse

10 New England Ave.
908-273-2192
summitplayhouse.org



- Tour this historic theatre
- Rehearsal of “Frozen Jr.”

Twin Maples

214 Springfield Ave.
908-273-0301
fortnightlyclub.org



- Take a guided tour of this historic, neoclassical estate home

UNION

Caldwell Parsonage

909 Caldwell Ave.
908-687-7977
unionhistory.org or
uniontwphistoricalsociety.
webs.com



- Map exhibit features the 1860 Thomas Hughes farm map and zoning maps showing the town layout
- Aerial photographs give a bird's-eye view of the development of Route 22
- Brief film made Union High School History Club, shot in part using a drone, focuses on some of Union Township's most significant landmarks
- Appearance by "Rev. James Caldwell," made possible in part by a HEART Grant
- Colonial games and doll-making
- Colonial bonnets and tricorne hats to wear for taking photos for social media

Connecticut Farms Church

888 Stuyvesant Ave.
908-688-3164
ctfarms.org



- Take a tour of this historic church and ring the old church bell
- Visit the historic cemetery
- Sale of crafts, baked goods and more

Donald M. Payne Vauxhall Meeting Center

123 Hilton Ave.
908-688-2797
e: vhs1860@yahoo.com



- Displays highlighting the historic significance of the Vauxhall section of Union include: the 1780 Revolutionary War Battle of Springfield; Veterans from World War I to the present; and Land development in the Vauxhall area

Liberty Hall Museum & Academic Center

1003 Morris Ave.
908-527-0400
kean.edu/libertyhall



- Complimentary tours of Liberty Hall mansion (1st floor), home of a founding father of the United States of America, and a home that welcomed distinguished guests such as George and Martha Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, William Howard Taft and others
- Self-guided tours of the gardens and grounds
- Gift shop on site

WESTFIELD

Miller-Cory House Museum

614 Mountain Ave.
908-232-1776
millercoryhouse.org



shuttle stop

- Enjoy open-hearth cooking demonstrations in the Frazee Building. On Saturday, museum cooks will also "fire up" the beehive oven, a laborious task requiring skill and experience.
- **Sunday only:** Presenters will discuss the Lenape tribe of Native Americans, explaining customs, beliefs, and ceremonies, and displaying artifacts. Includes a fun and educational craft – children may make their own medicine pouch to take home.
- Gift shop offers a wide array of items

Reeve History & Cultural Resource Center

314 Mountain Ave.
908-654-1794
westfieldhistoricalsociety.org



shuttle stop

- Guided tours of this beautiful, Italianate Victorian house
- Exhibit highlighting the life and career of Charles Addams, the cartoonist, who called Westfield his home; plus other exhibits and artwork
- **Saturday:** Annual AppleFest (weather permitting, outdoors, from 12 to 4 pm) – for a small donation, guests are welcome to participate in AppleFest activities, including the Apple Café



Visitors are invited to request and collect Union County history trading cards—available at all or most of the historic sites listed in this booklet.



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